The beginning of summer marks the start of something special…

COUNTY FAIR SEASON!

Mercer County 4-H Fair festivities are right around the corner, so it's time to think about the projects you plan to exhibit at the fair. Even hobbies & talents outside of your 4-H project area can be showcased at the fair!

All 4-H'ers may enter any class in the 4-H Fair Exhibit Book. Check out all the different classes: http://mercer.njaes.rutgers.edu/4h/fair

Non-members & adults may get involved in the ‘Open Division’ at the fair, and with options as diverse as creative writing & woodworking, everyone has at least a few projects they can enter as exhibits.

Be proud of your accomplishments & show off your skills at the county fair at Howell Farm!

We’ll see you there!

Chad Ripberger
County 4-H Agent

Altaira Bejgrowicz
4-H Program Assistant

* * * UPCOMING 4-H EVENTS * * *

FAIR SET-UP & FESTIVITIES  THURSDAY-FRIDAY 7/29-7/30
MERCER COUNTY 4-H FAIR  SATURDAY-SUNDAY 7/31-8/1
NJ 4-H TEEN LEADERSHIP CAMP  FRIDAY-SUNDAY 8/20-8/22
Set-up & Project Entry

**Thursday, July 29** - Animal tent laid out & pens set-up

**Friday, July 30** - Club displays set-up & project entry 3:00 - 6:00 pm
  (Non-member project entry to follow - 4:00 - 8:00 pm)
  ***Remember to display club banners for judging***

Friday & Saturday Night Events

Following set-up, there will be a potluck dinner Friday, at 6:00 pm. Bring a favorite dish you’d like to share at this community meal. There will be a night hike and campfire to follow.

You’re invited to campout on Friday & Saturday night. Remember to bring your permission slips and record books, along with your tents & sleeping bags.

Fair Days - July 31 & August 1

Make the most out of fair… be there during the 2 days of festivities!

You can take a leading role by:

* wearing your 4-H T-shirts & answering questions about 4-H
* participating in & assisting with youth games
* assisting with the RAH Food Drive near the fair entrance

Sunday Morning Pancake Breakfast

**Sunday, August 1** - A special pancake breakfast will be made for all who campout Saturday night. Helping hands are needed to get everyone fed before fairgoers arrive.

Remember to bring your favorite topping to make this event extra sweet!

Clean Up - Sunday, August 1 - After 4:00 pm

The fair festivities wrap up at 4:00 pm Sunday afternoon. Although the fairgoers leave, we need to stay and clean up the mess! It’ll be quick & easy with lots of helping hands!

Howell Living History Farm will be left sparkling clean!
This year’s fair theme is ‘Get Carried Away with 4-H!’ Keeping the theme in mind, the club booth displays should follow the guidelines for Division I as outlined in the Exhibits catalog which can be found on the web-site. Below are the criteria by which your booth displays will be judged. Hopefully this information will help you be inspired. Have fun!

a. Attracts attention
   i. Suitable subject with viewer appeal  
      
   ii. Effective title - clear, short and well planned  
      
   iii. Good layout, color, and design  

b. Carries out theme

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c. General appearance and workmanship (neat, clean, uncluttered, finished look, correct grammar and spelling)

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d. Originality and creativity

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e. Bonus points (best 4-H promotion, most original, most creative, best layout)

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Hello everyone!

My name is Altaira Bejgrowicz (Altare a, Bay grow vich) and I am your new Program Assistant here in the Mercer County 4-H office. I am very excited about my new role supporting the many great 4-H clubs you have made so successful! I am looking forward to meeting everyone in the upcoming months. Hope to see you all at the fair!
92nd Annual Mercer County 4-H Fair
Saturday & Sunday, July 31 & August 1, 2010
Held at Howell Living History Farm
A Facility of the Mercer County Park Commission

Come and “Get Carried Away with 4-H!”

Sampling of Events for Sat., 7/31, 10am to 8pm

10:00 am - 12:00 pm  4-H Goat Show
11:00 am - 3:00 pm   Jugtown Mountain String Band
1:00 pm - 1:30 pm    Opening Ceremony
1:30 pm - 3:30 pm    Goat Cart Rides
3:30 pm - 4:00 pm    Dairy Goat Milking Contest
4:30 pm - 5:00 pm    Historic English & Country Dance
5:30 pm - 6:00 pm    Frozen shirt contest

Sampling of Events for Sun., 8/1, 10am to 4pm

10:00 am - 12:00 pm  4-H Sheep Show
11:00 am - 3:00 pm   Jugtown Mountain String Band
11:00 am - 3:00 pm   Shooting Sports
12:30 pm - 1:00 pm   Pie eating contest
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm    Small Animal Show
2:30 pm - 3:30 pm    Round Robin
3:30 pm - 4:00 pm    Fair Closing Ceremony

*** Air Rifle, Horse Shoes, Magician, Dancing times, guess weight of..., pie eating, frozen t-shirt and more!

All Day—Both Days

4-H Livestock Shows & Judging
4-H Animals on Display
4-H Club Arts & Crafts
Draft Horse-drawn Hay Rides
Farm Tours & Pony Rides
Food & Homemade Ice Cream
Children’s Crafts & Games

Displays & Demonstrations: RCE of Mercer County:

4-H Youth Development,
Family and Community Health Sciences, Nutrition, Master Gardeners, and Board of Agriculture.

Friends & Partners:

Howell Living History Farm,
Mercer County Equestrian Center,
The Hunterdon Rug Artisans Guild,
The Bayshore Variety Pigeon Club
We are still in need of volunteers to help out in the following areas:

**PIE BAKING**

**CHILDREN’S GAMES**

**JUDGING**

**EXHIBITS**

Call Altaira at 609-989-6833 or e-mail at bejgrowicz@njaes.rutgers.edu

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4-H Challenge 2010

Anyone who is involved with the 4-H Program, including family and friends can join this 8 week virtual challenge to walk from High Point to Cape May Point. This challenge is posed to help us all learn more about exercise, be healthy, and most of all, have fun! All you have to do is pick any 8 week period ending before September 11th, register and track your progress. You can learn more by visiting www.nj4h.rutgers.edu/getmoving.

Walk NJ Point-to-Point

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Record books due!

On July 30th at fair set-up, please turn in your record books to Altaira. There will be a sign in sheet and a box in which you may place your book.
These calendars are here to help keep you organized and up to date. If you like the idea of planning and organizing and would like to spend some time over the summer preparing your club for the new 4-H year in September, please contact the 4-H office for any of the following publications:

- New Jersey 4-H Club Treasure’s Record Book
- New Jersey 4-H Club Secretary’s Book
- My 4-H Record Book
- 4-H Club Meeting Report

*Remember, 4-H clubs are fun and exciting but learning to effectively run a meeting is a skill that you will use in the future. Keeping your club records like a business keeps records can be fun and rewarding!
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- **3rd**
  - Ads due
- **4th**
  - Fair Day!
- **18th**
  - Fair set-up & Fun
- **19th**
  - Fair set-up & Fun
- **25th**
  - Fair Day!

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- **1st**
  - Fair Day!
- **8th**
  - NJ Teen Leadership Camp
- **15th**
  - NJ Teen Leadership Camp
- **22nd**
  - NJ Teen Leadership Camp
- **29th**
  - State 4-H Horse Show

- **26th**
  - State 4-H Horse Show, Aug. 26-29
- **27th**
  - State 4-H Goat Show
- **28th**
  - NJ Teen Leadership Camp
Presentation night was an evening filled with reward for all participants. The presentation topics were well chosen and planned. It was obvious that the 4-H’ers set a goal for their projects and worked hard to reach that goal. Through their research and practice, they “learned by doing.” The audience also learned new information and a new skill (all those who volunteered to dance!) . Congratulations to the participants for a job well done and thank you to those who supported them in the process. Please encourage your fellow members to join us next year! Presentation night helps us all follow the 4-H motto:

“To Make the Best Better”
2010 NJ 4-H Teen Leadership Camp

Who: 4-H Members & Military Youth, in grades 6-12

What: Leadership, teambuilding, swimming, hiking, boating & more… all in a beautiful camp ground environment

Where: Monmouth County Park System, Nomoco Family Campground, Freehold, NJ

When: 5:00 pm Friday, August 20 to 10:00 am Sunday, August 22

Come ready to have an adventure, explore new leadership skills, and make great friends!

...and all this fun is absolutely free!

Sponsored by NJ 4-H State Teen Action Council & NJ Speak Out for Military Kids

Please contact the office for required event forms.

4-H Summer Camp

It’s not too late to register for summer camp!

4-H Summer Camp is held at Lindley G. Cook 4-H Camp, in Branchville, NJ. There are six weeklong sessions available, beginning in early July and ending in mid-August. All weeks have fun themes and great counselors. There are also discounts when siblings attend! You’re sure to have fun at camp, around the fire & the lake.

Register online at: nj4hcamp.rutgers.edu

Or contact: 973-948-3550 or 4hcamp@aesop.rutgers.edu for more information!
What, Why, & How?  The Mercer County 4-H Fair offers two days of free family fun to an average of 4,000 fairgoers a year! In order to maintain our 4-H Fair, we need to fundraise. Selling ad space in the 4-H Fair Book to our favorite local businesses, friends, and neighbors who support the Mercer County 4-H Youth Development Program is an easy way to do just that! Set an ‘Ad Sales Goal’ for your club to reach, but remember to always visit businesses with a parent or friend. Return this form and any checks to the 4-H Office by July 1!

***4-H FAIR AD BOOK FORM***

4-H Member Name & Club: _________________________________
Company/Organization Name: _________________________________
Company Contact Name: ______________________________________
Company Mailing Address: ______________________________________
City: _______________________ State: ________________ Zip: _________
Phone Number: ______________________ Fax: ______________________

Please Select Ad Size (circle one) Ad Prices
Friends of 4-H (one line with personal/company name) $5.00
Sponsor (one 10 word message) $10.00
Business Card - 1/4 page $25.00
1/2 page (3 ¾ x 4 ½”) $50.00
Full page (7 ½ x 4 ½”) $100.00

Regulations: All ads are to be copy ready, and must be similar to the dimensions listed above. Each ad must be on a separate sheet. Ads must be paid when submitted, and are subject to approval.

Make checks payable to: Mercer County 4-H.
Mail to: Mercer County 4-H Ad Book, 930 Spruce Street, Trenton, NJ 08648.

Return the top portion of the page. The bottom receipt goes to the customer.

This is a receipt in the amount of $_____ for an advertisement in the 2010 Mercer County 4-H Fair Ad Book. Thank you for supporting the Mercer County 4-H Fair! The fair will be held at Howell Living History Farm in Titusville on July 31 & August 1. We hope to see you there! Visit http://mercer.njaes.rutgers.edu for 4-H information.
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Get Carried Away with 4-H!

Brian M. Hughes, County Executive

*Create a Cover Design using this Fair theme & return it to the office by July 1*
MERSERVER COUNTY 4-H

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4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning leadership, citizenship, and life skills.

92nd Mercer County 4-H Fair - 7/31 & 8/1

For more 4-H information, check out: http://mercer.njaes.rutgers.edu & http://nj4h.rutgers.edu/

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